



NATIONAL DEAF LIFE MUSEUM

The National Deaf Life Museum team introduces the museum and explains their role within the museum that serves the Gallaudet University community and community at large.

VIDEO LINK

https://media.gallaudet.edu/media/National+Deaf+Life+Museum+at+Gallaudet+University/1_0ee9i2p6

TRANSCRIPT

MEREDITH:

Hello there! We'd like to introduce you to the National Deaf Life Museum. We have two locations on campus. Our main exhibitions are in Chapel Hall, and we have an annex in SAC. You may also occasionally see our work elsewhere on campus. (Photos showing Chapel Hall, Museum Annex, and exhibition space at Washburn Art Building).

I'm Meredith Peruzzi, the manager of the museum. I graduated in 2011 and started working for the museum in 2013. My favorite museum in the world is the Met Cloisters in New York City. (Photos of the Met Cloisters interior looks like a church.)

GRAPHICS:

258 Fact #1

Text: Chapel Hall was built in 1869. Photo: Etching of Chapel Hall dedication

Text: President Ulysses S. Grant was at the dedication in 1871. Photo: Cut outs of President Grant

Photos courtesy of Library of Congress and Gallaudet University Archives

SHANE:

Hi! I'm Shane, the Multi-media and Outreach Coordinator since 2012. I received two masters from Gallaudet in 2011 and 2016. My favorite traveling exhibit is the "Treasures of the Czars" all the way from Russia into my home state Kansas in 1995 it lasted 4 months. The exhibition was so impressive that it stayed in my mind for years. (Photos showing exhibit guide book, scanned postcards of the Fabergé Egg, Russian Orthodox Mitre, jeweled coronation orb).

It is a huge honor working here. I wear different hats but more specifically focused on distributing information such as the website, newsletter, social media as a way to bring you and the museum together. Although the museum may be empty now, we have been busy behind the scenes bringing the museum to you as I am creating virtual online exhibits so that you can experience the museum and accessing educational resources from wherever you are. One of the other projects is creating short videos based on historical research and stories that I am working on. (Video/Photos showing website, newsletters, social media logos, Foster physical exhibit, Foster online exhibit.)

GRAPHICS:

258 Fact #2

Photo: Two photos of group tours in Chapel Hall Text: Since 2014 - total of numbers of visitors exceeded over 45,000!*

* Not counting the Museum Annex and other locations

TREVOR:

Hi, I'm Trevor, the Research and Audience Engagement Specialist since 2013. I have taken on a variety of roles here at the museum, including research projects, writing assignments, museum guide in Chapel Hall, event coverage, etc. (Photos of Trevor at work: researching in the archives,

large event in Chapel Hall, and Trevor talking with the visitors). My favorite museum is probably the Jewish Museum in Berlin, Germany. I still remember that feeling of walking into the tower seventeen years ago and feeling overwhelmed by the atmosphere. (Photos of aerial view of the museum and interior view of the tower).

Our museum team is always happy to assist you with your projects and historic research. Even though you're not able to come to campus this semester, we are still able to help you. We can provide information about Gallaudet history, for example buildings and people, along with information about Deaf history in America. We can also direct you to other resources, both on and off campus, to help you get what you need for your projects.

GRAPHICS:

258 Fact #3

Text: Jack and Rosalyn Gannon are the Honorary Chairs of the National Deaf Life Museum.

Photo: Cut out photo of Jack and Roslyn Gannon smiling.

Photo courtesy of Jean Lindquist Bergey

MEREDITH:

When we're all back on campus again, I hope you'll visit us at the museum. We frequently have classes come to visit, and frequently have interns work with us on exhibitions. (Photos showing visitors and students browsing through exhibits and interns working on a project).

GRAPHICS:

258 Fact #4 (after Meredith 2)

Text:

To date:

8 Main Exhibition Sections

4 Exhibitions at the Annex

3 Rotating Exhibitions

3 Exhibitions On Loan

1 Traveling Exhibition

4 Online Exhibitions

SHANE:

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us by email [show museum@gallaudet.edu on screen] with any questions. Visit our website www.gallaudet.edu/museum. You can also follow us on social media, we're on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using our name DeafMuseumGU. [Photo showing social media logos] Have a great semester - stay safe and healthy!

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